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Dear Supporters, Volunteers, Counselors, and Friends of Life's Key Ministry,

There are many things that Life's Key can provide for those currently or formerly behind bars in the nine states that we are responsible for. We are so grateful that God is using us to provide His word through the correspondence courses at no expense to them. For those institutions that allow it, we provide a postage-paid business reply envelope so that they do not have to pay for postage to send their exams back to us. Each time they finish a course, we send them a certificate of completion. If someone would like a Bible, we will send them one after the successful completion of three courses. If we know their address and birth date, we will send them a birthday card each year. And if they would like us to write a letter showing their progress to the parole board, we will write one.

All of the things I just mentioned, among others, are physical things that we can give to our students. But perhaps one of the most important things we offer to them is an emotional need that comes in the form of encouragement. As I thought about moving into the last quarter of 2015, it made me think about the things we celebrate during this time, specifically the birth of our Savior and the countless blessings God has graciously given us, and how often we take for granted the loved ones we have to celebrate with. It is a luxury that the men and women still behind bars no longer have.

We know that God loves us whether we have been convicted of a crime or not. Therefore, we aim to show Christ's love in an encouraging way with the comments we make to their test answers, by putting a little extra something for them to read in with their courses, and just being a source of reliability and comfort for those living in a place without those things. It's what God has called us to do, and I'm thankful for all those that help us do it!

"Do to others as you would have them do to you." - Luke 6:31

"I have been enrolled in several Bible correspondence courses and Bible college as well. Out of all of the blessings provided to me through Jesus to study the word of God, this lesson, "Doing Time With Jesus" has been such an amazing blessing. It has answers to the practical problems that I have been struggling with. Several times I have broken down in tears with one revelation or another. It has given me some clear answers to many of the problems I am facing in my life. I just wanted to thank you for providing it. No response necessary, just accept my thanks!" - Jason (Virginia)

"Thank you for the blessing of 'Life's Key' to help me learn more about my Jesus. Doing this first course has been an eye opener and water to my soul. It took me 53 years see that my life is empty without Christ. Now I must carry the truth everywhere I go, in all I do. I know I'm not perfect, and I need much help still! But I've got the best teacher ever...my God! Please pass on my heart given thanks to the Life's Key staff. Peace be with you!" - Harry (New York)

"Thank you for being longsuffering with us as we little by little grow in the knowledge and grace of our great God. I am ready for more advanced correspondence lessons if you have them available. Thank you also for being faithful in holding down the fort until the dramatic and awesome return of Jesus Christ occurs." - Scott (New York)

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